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1. DRAWING ON UNIDENTIFIED CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, A
"TIMES OF INDIA" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON REPORTS
IN THE PAPER'S MAY 11 EDITION THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL
RESEARCH SERVICE (CRS) HAS ADVISED THE HOUSE INTER-
NATIONAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE(HIRC) TO DEMAND THE FOLLOWING
ASSURANCES FROM INDIA BEFORE PERMITTING THE EXPORT OF
ENRICHED URANIUM TO TARAPUR:

A) IF, FOR ANY REASON, THE FUEL SUPPLY TO TARAPUR IS CUT
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OFF, INDIA WILL NOT APPROPRIATE THE SPENT FUEL NOW IN ITS

POSSESSION;

B) INDIA WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO TARAPUR
EVEN IF THE FUEL SUPPLY IS CUT OFF;

C) INDIA WILL AGREE TO RENEGOTIATE THE TARAPUR
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AGREEMENT TO CONFORM TO THE US NON-PROLIFERATION ACT
OF 1978; AND
D) PRIME MINISTER DESAI WILL, IN WRITING, COMMIT INDIA
TO OBSERVE IN PERPETUITY THE ABOVE ASSURANCES BOTH IN
LETTER AND IN SPIRIT.

THE CORRESPONDENT'S SOURCES PREDICTED THAT HEAVY

PRESSURE-- PERHAPS EVEN A VISIT TO INDIA BY JOSEPH NYE--
WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON DESAI TO DELIVER THESE
ASSURANCES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE CRS OUTLINED THE

FOLLOWING CHOICES TO THE HIRC REGARDING THE TARAPUR
FUEL SHIPMENT;

A) DO NOTHING;

B) OVERRULE THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT
THE FUEL;

PERMIT THE FUEL TO BE EXPORTED, SUBJECT TO INDIA
AGREEING TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; OR

D) OVERRULE THE PRESIDENT , BUT TELL HIM HE CAN SUBMIT
A FRESH EXPORT AUTHORIZATION IF HE OBTAINS SPECIFIED
GUARANTEES FROM INDIA.

3. PREDICTING THAT THE TARAPUR FUEL SHIPMENT WILL
REMAIN UNDECIDED "EVEN WHILE MR. DESAI HOLDS HIS TALKS

WITH PRESIDENT CARTER," THE CORRESPONDENT COMMENTS

THAT ALTHOUGH THE ASSURANCES UNDER CONSIDERATION HAVE
NOTHING TO DO WITH FULLSCALE SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE NPT,
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INDIA'S BID FOR NUCLEAR INDEPENDENCE.
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